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To All DDS Employees:

I am pleased to announce that in anticipation of the General Assembly's approval of the Retirement Incentive Program (RIP) recently agreed to by the Governor and SEBAC unions, we have made arrangements with the Retirement Counseling Unit of the Comptroller's office to hold a priority counseling session exclusively for DDS employees who are eligible for the RIP.

This counseling session will be held on May 20th in Keller Auditorium at UCONN Health Center in two groups:

Only for Tier 1 members who are eligible for RIP from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Only for Tier 2 and 2A members who are eligible for RIP from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

In order to attend the counseling session on May 20th, you must be eligible for the RIP and must register with your local HR office. To do so, please contact:

Central Office – Sharon Marrotte at 860-418-6142
North Region – Barbara Jaworski at 860-263-2619
South Region – Judith Bernasconi at 203-294-5062
West Region – Karen Spiegel at 203-586-2609

You **MUST** register by **NO LATER THAN** Friday, May 15th to be eligible attend the counseling session. This is so we can provide the Retirement Counseling Unit with a list of attendees prior to the session and because we will provide an estimate of your retirement benefits that will be available to you at the session. For those who may be naming a spouse / survivor in order to receive estimates of different retirement income options available under the plan, you will need to provide your spouse / survivor's date of birth when you register for the counseling session.

If you wish to attend the session, please register as soon as possible. Admission is limited to the first 250 people from Tier 1 and the first 250 people from Tier 2/2A to register.

If you are unable to attend the May 20th session, the Retirement Counseling Unit will be providing additional information, including on-line benefit estimators, within the next two weeks. However, the May 20th session is an exclusive opportunity for DDS employees to hear directly from the retirement experts at the Comptroller's Office and get your questions answered.

Very truly yours,

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